



FLWEMS Paramedics Neonatal & Pediatric Protocol for the Management of:

PEDIATRIC MEDICAL CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA

(Patients 18 y/o or less)

Code Blue

Pediatric patients in cardiopulmonary arrest (Non-traumatic source).

Class I

Pediatric patients with life threatening illness and/or unstable vital signs.

1. Respiratory arrest or distress requiring advanced airway management.
2. Cardiac dysrhythmias or shock.
3. Any of the following unstable vital signs.
 - ⇒ RR < 10 or > 60 bpm.
 - ⇒ SBP < 60mm/Hg (< 5 y/o)
 - ⇒ SBP < 80mm/Hg (6-12 y/o)
 - ⇒ SBP < 90mm/Hg (> 12 y/o)
4. Status epilepticus.
5. Acute mental status changes.
6. Acute dehydration with poor perfusion symptoms.
 - ⇒ Delayed capillary refill centrally
 - ⇒ Poor peripheral pulses
 - ⇒ Skin turgor changes
 - ⇒ Sunken fontanel on infants
 - ⇒ Poor muscle tone
 - ⇒ Altered mental status
7. Pediatric patients requiring vasoactive drug therapy.
8. Complicated poisoning or drug overdose.

Class II

Pediatric patients with potentially life threatening conditions but vital signs presently stable.

1. Respiratory illnesses improving with inhaled medications (not in distress).
2. Toxic substance ingestion/overdose (non-symptomatic).
3. First time seizure controlled with or without medications.
4. Suspected meningitis.

Class III

No obvious life threatening illness and vital signs stable.

CAIRA/Chemical Surety Considerations

None

Triage Considerations

Refer to S.T.A.R.T. Triage Protocol

END OF SOP – NOTHING FOLLOWS